

News from Templestowe Heights Primary School



Templestowe Heights PRIMARY SCHOOL 9850 1796

19th November 2020

Newsletter Term 4 Week 7

Templestowe Heights Primary School Values

Persistence

Respect Courage "inspiring learners for life" Responsibility

All Library Books Due Back Tomorrow

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Transition Sessions

Over the next two weeks, our 2021 Foundation students will have the opportunity to participate in small-group (no more than 10 children) transition sessions with one teacher. This is a very exciting time and we are working within the DHHS and DET guidelines.

On Tuesday the 8th and 15th December from 11:30 - 12:30pm, all students in years F-5 will be participating in transitions sessions. The purpose of these sessions are for students to begin to familiarise themselves with their new teacher, classmates and classroom.

On the 8th December our year 6 students will be participating in their onsite orientation day at their 2021 Secondary Schools. Please note that all year 6 students will need to wear a mask on this day (exemptions for students with a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition).

Parent Resilience and Trust in our Teachers

Now that semester 2 reports have been written, our class teachers are creating classes for 2021. As part of our class formation policy, we ensure that every child will be placed in a grade with at least one of their nominated five friends they wrote down.

This is an extremely challenging task that we take seriously and is very time-consuming. We do our best to ensure classes are balanced with the academic, social and emotional needs of the child at heart. We also need to consider personalities within a class, parent requests for specific circumstances, teachers that may have already taught some children for multiple years and that sometimes a child may be a good buddy but not a good learning buddy with their friends. These decisions are complex and we do our best to form these grades with the best intentions of having effective learning environments.

This year has been an unbelievably challenging year, our children have faced so much uncertainty and they are yet again faced with not knowing what 2021 will look like. We also understand that change is a big challenge for many children. No doubt most children have already started thinking about next year. New teacher, new classroom, new classmates, new routines, the unknown, the uncertainty. As parents we want the best for our child and when we see them worried or upset, our initial reaction is that we want to protect and help them to resolve their worries. **Please resist the inclination** to approach the school if you have concerns about the placement of your child for the class in 2021. For anyone, moving out of our comfort zone presents challenges, but please remember this is normal, as it builds resilience, something we all need as adults. Please **trust our teachers** and know that your child will be well looked after no matter what class they are in for 2021.



Reports

As mentioned previously, there were many challenges we all faced during online/remote learning. The 6 months of lockdown was difficult on everyone, some children flourished and many also struggled.

For most children, academic progress will look different to what it has done previously, due to these different set of circumstances we all experienced. When you receive your child's report, most likely they will not have progressed to the same level we would expect in a "normal" school year and that is ok, it was an extremely challenging time. At the start of 2021 we will using additional funding to employ tutors to support students their learning to bridge some of the gaps we identify.

No Online School Assembly

There will be no more online school assemblies for the remainder of the year. In its place will be a short announcements over the PA system at 3pm for students to hear. The removal of weekly high flyers, it has removed a lot of the purpose for why we had assemblies. Please don't worry, next year we will be back to our usual assemblies.

Colin Costorphin

Each year our school community confers its highest student honour, The Colin Costorphin Memorial Award, upon one student from Year 6. This award recognizes the student to have demonstrated our school values and represented themselves and Templestowe Heights Primary to an exceptional standard. More information is found on the nomination form attached to this newsletter.

Welcome Cameron White

We would like to welcome Cameron White to our community who is from Bentleigh West Primary. Cameron is completing an internship as part of Bastow's Leadership Principal Preparation Program.

Publication in Teacher Magazine

Jeannette Breen, our year 3/4 Leader and Learning Specialist, was recently invited to share some of the innovative work we are undertaking at Templestowe Heights Primary in relation to our writing assessment. Please find attached the link, which details the process we developed to support teacher understandings of writing progression.

https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/articles/a-whole-school-approach-to-moderating-student-writing

Rhys Coulson

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020				
Term 4				
Friday 20 th November	2021 Year 6 Jacket Orders Due Today (No Late Order Accepted)			
	All library books due back today			
Tuesday 1 st December	Colin Corstorphin Award Nominations Close			
	Gingerbread House Orders Close			
Tuesday 8 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 1 –11.30am to 12.30pm			
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School Transition for 2020 Classes Session 2 – 11.30am to 12.30pm			
	Christmas TartDrive Orders Close			
Wednesday 16 th December	School Reports via COMPASS			
TERM DATES 2020				
Term 4	Monday 5 th October – Friday 18 th December			

FROM THE OFFICE

Are You Moving School in 2021?

For those families that are moving to new schools or homes can you please notify us in writing at your earliest convenience as this helps with our 2021 planning.



Found

Apple earpods were found out in the school yard last week. If you think they may belong to you please contact the office and tell us the name on the earpods.

Year 6 Jackets and Polo Tops for 2021

The order form for the 2021 year 6 jacket and polo are due back tomorrow. Please complete and retun the form with your payment to ensure an early delivery next year. The form must be returned even if you do not wish to purchase any items. Choose carefully as exchanges and refunds cannot be given.

Late arrival and early departures

All students arriving late to school <u>after 9.15am</u> must report to the office to collect a late pass before proceeding to class. Parents who are picking their child before the end of the day must report to the office to collect them.

<u>Please do not record late arrivals and early leavers on your Compass.</u> This will be done at the office as students arrive and leave to ensure their arrival and departure time is correctly reflected on our system.

Change of Contact Details

It is vital that the school have your most up to date contact details at all times. Please email the school if you have changed your address or contact numbers or your family circumstances have changed.

Lost property

Please ensure all clothing, lunck boxes and drink bottles are cleary named so that they may be promptly returned. The tub will be placed outside the front doors of the school office after school until 3.45pm.

FIRST AID NEWS

Hayfever Information

If your child suffers from hayfever or hayfever-related asthma please contact the school so that the appropriate **medical plan** can be completed and your child record updated to include their medical condition.

A reminder to all parents of children with hayfever, please ensure that they are given the appropriate medication as required at home. Hayfever medication can only be administered to those chidren with a medical plan in place at school.

Thunderstorm asthma

Upon advice and notification from the Depatment of Education and Training the school will implement the appropriate procedures and responses as required and send out a thunderstorm asthma warning to the school community via Compass.



Gingerbread house activity - Orders close Tues 1st December

Our annual gingerbread house making night is a family favourite for many on the THPS Christmas calendar. We are unable to hold the event at school this year. For any families who would like to continue/ begin this tradition at home, we will continue it in a different format. An order form is attached to the newsletter. Kits are \$45 each and will be delivered to school on Tuesday 8th December. Orders close Tuesday 1st December. Alternatively, we will also provide a recipe in the next newsletter if you'd like to make one from scratch!

Christmas Tart Drive - Orders close Tues 15th December

P&F are again teaming up for the festive season with Baker's Delight Macedon Plaza for a Christmas tart drive. Orders can be placed online for packs of lemon tarts, mince tarts, the new choc cherry brownie cake or Christmas cake at 20% off RRP, and pick up directly from Bakers Delight on Thurs 17th December or Friday 18th December. Use the link <u>http://bit.ly/thps-xmas</u> to place your order using your name, not your child's. Flyer is attached to the newsletter.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza for their ongoing support and generosity towards THPS fundraising and our community.

THPS Parents & Friends Community Facebook page

Join the THPS closed Facebook group by searching for THPS Parents & Friends Community and answering the question

https://www.facebook.com/groups/758762184247385

P&F Team - Cecile, Fi ona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com





Make Your Own Gingerbread House!

Families are invited to join us to create their very own homemade gingerbread house for Christmas. This year you can participate in our gingerbread event at home at your leisure. Gingerbread kits will be supplied by Kym Saunders and will be delivered to school with everything you need to create your own masterpiece.

Delivery Date: Tuesday 8th December

Venue: Your house

Cost: \$45 per kit - which gives you everything you need to create a beautiful finished product - gingerbread, icing ingredients, piping bag, lollies and decorative packaging.

The finished product looks amazing and best of all, you'll be able to say that you made it yourself!

Orders close: Please return the slip below, together with payment, to the school office by <u>TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER</u>.



THPS Parents & Friends team – Cecile, Fiona, Oula & Sarah thpspaf@gmail.com

Gingerbread House Kit Order Form

Oldest Child's Name:		Grade:		
Contact Name:		Phone:		
No. of kits:	(@ \$45 each)			
Amount paid: \$			EEE N	
Cash/EFTPOS/Visa/Mas	terCard/BPay (Please Circle)			





This Xmas given the current circumstances the school has decided that rather than the 20% donation received from Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza going to the school, this time instead all products will receive a 20% discount* to help all families in these difficult and uncertain times.

All you need to do is select your favourite Xmas products and the 20% discount will be applied at the end. Ordering is easy as it's all done online and you can collect your products in-store from Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza.

Orders close: 5pm Tuesday, 15th December 2020

Collection: 11am - 7pm Thursday, 17th December 2020 and 6am - 7pm Friday, 18th December 2020



OR go to: http://k

http://bit.ly/thps-xmas

* Minimum order is \$10 excluding discount, to help cover costs

Bakers Delight Macedon Plaza

facebook.com/BakersDelightMacedonPlaza.



2021 ENROLMENTS NOW OF FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGART

About Us

Vista Valley Kindergarten is nestled amongst naturally landscaped gardens. It is an established kindergarten with an atmosphere that promotes individuality in a happy, friendly and secure environment.

We are a community based, not-forprofit kindergarten providing high quality early childhood education.

We endeavour to inspire children's learning through the five learning outcomes of Identity, Community, Wellbeing, Learning and Communication. Individualised and group learning programs are guided by 'The Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework', designed and implemented by highly experienced and trained educators.

Get Involved

Joining the Committee of Management is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the running and decision making at the kindergarten, as well as getting to know other parents in the kinder community.

Session Times

3 year old program - Caterpillar Group

Term 1 and 2 Monday & Friday 9:15 am - 12:15 pm [6 hours]

Term 3 and 4 Monday & Friday 9:15 am - 1:15 pm [8 hours]

4 year old program - Butterfly Group

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:15 am - 2:15 pm [15 hours]

for more information

Visit www.vistavalleykindergarten.com.au or call 9850 4043 to arrange a tour today!

Enrolments open to children from 2 years of age.

ABN 35966596019 = Licence 1200



Templestowe Heights PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Price List Price as at: 05-10-2020

General		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100105	S/S Pique Plain Polo Shirt	Sky	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-XL	29.00 32.00
100155	Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	Sky	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	31.00 34.00
1110954	S/S Mesh Polo with Contrast Piping	Sky-Ink	Embroidery	4-18/M	38.95
100290	Crew Neck Windcheater	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	34.95 38.95
100215	Polar Fleece Vest	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	42.96 44.95
1100299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	46.95 50.95
1100330	Rugby Shorts - Drawstring	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	21.50 24.50
1110355	Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	24.95 27.95
1110415	Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	29.95 33.95
Female		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100942	Summer Dress w Contrast Piping	Navy/Royal/White/Yellow Check - 8036	100	4G-18G/12L	49.95
100375	Skort	Ink		4G-18G/12L	23.50
104005	Princess Tunic	Grey/Navy/Sky/White Check - 9056		4G-16G/10L	54.95
1110465	Classic Pant	Ink		4G-12G 14G-10L	32.95 34.95
Accessorie	95	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
100380	Artsmock with Print	Navy		S-XL	19.95
100507	Legionnaire Hat	Navy	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	15.95
1100514	Safety Slouch Hat	Navy	Embroidery	S-XL	19.95
3300396	Primary Pete Bookbag	Navy	NHI	ALL-ALL	14.95
302250	Explorer Bag - Contrast Piping	Navy_Sky	NHI	ALL-ALL	49.95
Socks		Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
110760	Cushion Foot Sports Socks - 3 Pack	White		9-12-11-14	17.95
2511050	Crew Socks - 3 pack	Navy		912-28	17.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4-6-11-14	13.95



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2020 COLIN CORSTORPHIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Each year the school confers its highest student honour, The Colin Corstorphin Memorial Award, upon one student from Year 6.

Colin Costorphin was a parent at Templestowe Heights Primary and served as School Council President from 1995-1998. During his time as both parent (to Ross and Julia) and Council President, Colin was an active member of our community. He had a reputation of someone everyone looked up to; personable, respectful and always willing to give of his time with a vision of wanting our school to be the best. While he was a talented cricketer who represented Victoria, Colin immersed himself in school-life attending every working bee, organising school social events and coaching at the local Auskick centre.

Colin was someone who embodied our school values of *respect, responsibility, courage* and *persistence*. Tragically, Colin passed away in 1998 and his loss deeply impacted the school community. As a result, the school wanted to honour and remember both the vast contributions Colin made, but also more importantly the strong values that his character represented.

This Award, which is sponsored by the School Council, takes the form of a book prize (as do the school's academic Awards) but it carries a greater significance in that the name of each child conferred with the Award is recorded on the school's Honour Board.

To be eligible for the award a child must be in Year 6, have a demonstrated record of care, concern and acceptance for and of others, demonstrate the personal attributes of sound work habits, reliability, acceptance of responsibility, good organisational skills, initiative and approachability and have participated in a variety of school activities.

Any individual member of the school community (i.e. parent, staff member or student) or any affiliated group of the school community can nominate a student for this Award.

Nominations, which are to be made on the prescribed nomination form available from the school office, must address each of the selection criteria.

After a short-listing process the Award will be conferred by the School Council. This Award acknowledges the attributes of personal qualities, commitment and involvement as effectively demonstrated by our school's friend whose name it bears.

The closing date for nominations is Monday 1st December, 2020.

NOMINATION FORM OVERLEAF

Ter	COLIN CORSTORPHIN MEMORIAL AWARD 2020 NOMINATION FORM
	I, a member of the Templestowe Heights Primary School Community wish to nominate of Year 6 for the 'Colin Corstorphin Memorial Award'.
	Signature: To support this nomination I make the following statements regarding this child in relation to the Selection Criteria.
1.	A demonstrated record of care, concern and acceptance for all students over a period of time.
2.	Demonstrates the following personal attributes – sound work habits, reliability, acceptance of responsibility, good organizational skills, initiative and approachability.
3.	A record of participation in a variety of school activities.

Completed nomination forms should be addressed to the Principal and handed in at the Office by Monday 1st December, 2020.